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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held on Monday 27th February 2023 in Dunrossness Primary School.

PRESENT

Fiona Mitchell	Aileen Brown	Irvine Burgess
Dawna Phillips	Vicky Tylsar	Agnes Tallack
Cllr Bryan Peterson (ex officio)	Ana Arnett (SIC)	

APOLOGIES

Allen Sinclair	Helen Moncrieff	Cllr Robbie McGregor (ex officio)
Cllr Alex Armitage (ex officio)	Michael Duncan (SIC)	

ABSENT

Cllr Allison Duncan (ex officio)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Leslie (Clerk) 1 x member of the public

22/88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22/89 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023 was adopted on the motion of Aileen

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22/90 POLICE REPORT

A Police Report for the months of December 2022 & January 2023 had been received and reported as follows:

There have been 6 incidents for Dunrossness which can be summarised as follows:

- Fraud
- Public Nuisance
- Concern for Person
- Drugs – Possession
- Theft
- Road Traffic Collision

22/91 MATTERS ARISING

- 1) **Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
- 2) **Proposed Kirk Yard Bench:** There was nothing new to report.
- 3) **Mainland's Mini Market Defibrillator:** The recent email communications between the Community Council and Mainland's Mini Market were discussed and it was noted that the proprietor of the shop would prefer for the Defibrillator to remain in place at his premises and for the Community Council to fund the upkeep of the unit while he provided the electricity for the cabinet it is stored in. The Clerk reiterated that, unfortunately, as had previously been discussed at length within the Community Council, they are not in a position to do so. The Clerk had suggested to 'Mainland's' that a possible way forward was to crowdfund, as the Bigton Shop had done, to raise funds to replace the faulty cabinet for the Defib unit and the matter has currently been left with the Shop. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Lucky2BHere to see if they have any suggestions on the matter.
- 4) **Anderson High School Transport:** Fiona enquired if this matter had now been resolved and Dawna reported that she had seen the new coach in operation. This was welcomed by the members.

22/92 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Council will be the final one of the current financial year and that there is still some grant funding available. The Clerk will send information to the members and Vicky, who will put a post on Facebook

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22/92 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

- 1) Southend Mainland Amateur Swimming Club - To assist with the costs of attending the Inverness Graded Competition in April:** It was agreed, as proposed by Agnes and seconded by Aileen, to award the requested sum of £547.
- 2) Scousburgh Sand Road:** The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for confirmation from Shetland Community Benefit Fund as to whether or not the Community Council's application has been successful. It was noted that time is now getting tight, with the requirement that the SIC CDF Project Fund money, which was secured as part of the finance for this project, to be spent this financial year.

22/93 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No relevant external meetings had been attended.

22/94 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Bryan Peterson provided the below report:

- 1) Roads:** The A970 works at Levenwick is second on the Priority List after Cullivoe. The temporary diverting of the fibre cable which is currently built into the road will be a very expensive element of the project.
- 2) Ditches:** Cllr Peterson had suggested replacing ditches with French Drains, however, Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, had pointed out that this is not an option as they fill with silt. Discussions were had on the Roads Department's current ditching practices ie the ditches are very large and often undermine fences and single track roads. Cllr Peterson advised that Neil Hutcheson is the point of contact within the Roads Department for such matters. The Clerk will email Neil regarding the points discussed.
- 3) Sandwick JHS Review –** The latest inspectors report is due soon. It was noted that the Parent Council are much happier now with the level of communication from the School. The vacant Head Teacher post is being readvertised as there were no suitable candidates from the previous round. It was noted that some parents are putting in placement requests for their children to the AHS as a 'back-up'

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22/95 FAIR ISLE

Fiona reported as follows:

Development Manager: Two candidates for the post of Development Manager have visited Fair Isle recently and it is hoped that one of these will be selected.

New Ferry & Associated Infrastructure: Bore holes are currently being dug at Grutness and Fair Isle. It was noted that securing ferry crew is currently an issue across Shetland.

Bird Observatory: The construction of the new Bird Observatory has been halted until April.

22/96 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. ASCC Meeting:** The next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils is scheduled to take place on 14th March 2023. Helen and offered (via email) to attend on behalf of Dunrossness community Council.
- 2. Email ref 'Abandoned Road Signs':** The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a member of the public regarding 'abandoned road signs left at the side of the road in numerous places around the area' and asking if the Community Council could request that the SIC Roads Department collect them as they pose a hazard to anyone needing to use the roadside verge. This was agreed and the Clerk will email the Roads Department.
- 3. Community Council Training Courses:** Community Planning & Development are offering a number of training courses for Community Councillors over the next couple of months. Details on how to sign up for any of the courses were provided.
- 4. Online webinar for Rural & Islands Community Councillors:** A free online webinar on the Cost of Living, Community and Active Travel is being hosted by The Improvement Service, Scottish Rural Network and Sustrans Scotland. A couple of Dunrossness Community Council members had signed up to 'attend'.

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22/96 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 5. Email ref Peat & Highly Protected Marine Areas Consultations:**
Beatrice Wishart MSP had emailed to draw the Community Council members attention to the above two Scottish Government consultations which are currently live and seeking views.
The Marine Areas consultation is open until 20th March.
The Peat consultation is looking at ending the sale of peat in Scotland. This consultation is open until 12th May and Beatrice is keen to hear how this proposal would impact local residents as peat is still cut and used in domestic situations in Shetland.

22/97 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Shetland Community Benefit Fund Director:** Aileen reported that SCBF had emailed the Community Council recently regarding the requirement to nominate a director of SCBF. It was noted that, due to recent email issues, the Clerk had not received the email. Under the SCBF rules, a third of the SCBF directors must retire each year and the community council asked for a nomination to stand for election at the next AGM. The nomination can be the same person, or someone else, and it needn't be a community councillor, but it cannot be either an elected member of Shetland Islands Council or a senior manager, at or above, the level of Executive Manager with Shetland Islands Council. If elected at the AGM, the nominated person would serve as a director for three years. Aileen has been a director for 3 years and is now required to stand down but agreed to stand for re-election. The Clerk will email SCBF nominating Aileen for re-election.

22/98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1) Change of use of land from agricultural use to equestrian use and creation of hardstanding area, Glenadam, Bigton by Mr Maurice Sutherland** - There were no objections.

DRAFT MINUTE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 2023.**